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Middletown April 8th
1830

My dear Mrs. Shaw.

I received yesterday an answer from Mr. Sherwood in which he says that it is a part of his plan to prepare young gentlemen for college - he tells me that he shall take the liberty of sending you one of his circulars which renders it unnecessary for me to enter into any detail respecting the school. Whoever has the slightest acquaintance with Mr. Sherwood can not for a moment doubt that he will conscientiously perform whatever he undertakes - I have been ~~able~~ witness myself to many evidences of the affection with which he is ^{regarded} ~~held~~ by his pupils & the gentlemen of Hartford estimate so highly his qualifications as an instructor

that they have erected a very fine building for him in order to induce him to remove his residence & open a school in that place — I am convinced that both yourself & John would be pleased with him — & the objections the latter had to Mr Penquet's plan would not exist here as there are entirely different regulations for the little boys & the young gentlemen & they are kept asunder as much as possible.

The spring is opening upon us quite pleasantly & I gladly hail it after the dreary winter we have experienced — My garden & green house plants occupy a good deal of my time & afford me both amusement & employment — indeed when in the country I am seldom at a loss for either — & never find time pass heavily — but I have become a very bad correspondent of late for really a country town affords so little variety that I am unwilling to trouble my friends with the dull egotistical effusions which letters written under such

auspices must necessarily become — Miss Mit-
ford indeed has shown us what may be produced
from even so unfruitful a subject as our village
but she is unfortunately possessed of a talent
but rarely found & only serves to make others
more unwilling to venture upon grounds from
which she has already culled all the flowers —

I see Mr Lawrence's place is still
advertised & conclude that they have not
yet met with a purchaser — If they leave
Elizabethtown the small society there will
meet with an irreparable loss — Remember
me very kindly to Julia & to Mrs Palmer —

I hope Mrs Niemcewicz has quite escaped ~~the~~
any return of her indisposition — Pray remem-
ber me very kindly to her & tell her she often
occupies a place both in our thoughts &
conversation —

Kiss Christine for me I believe me
my dear Mrs Keam very truly yours

Emma T. Pyne
— " —

Mortimer Lodge.

W^m. Pyne
on the subject of a
school for my dear
son John Dean

For

W^m Dean



Respectfully

Wm Dean

New Jersey.